

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1-3 (Cancelled)

1 4. (Currently amended) A networked computer system comprising:

2 (A) a server computer system that includes model configuration settings that
3 specify desired operating system configuration settings for a plurality of computer
4 operating systems;

5 (B) a plurality of endpoint computer systems coupled to the server computer
6 system wherein the plurality of endpoint computer systems include a plurality of
7 operating systems, each endpoint computer system including corresponding operating
8 system configuration settings;

9 (C) a system administration workstation coupled to the server computer system,
10 the system administration workstation including a graphical user interface for
11 administration of the configuration settings of the plurality of endpoint computer systems,
12 the graphical user interface including at least one display panel that allows a user to select
13 the model configuration settings, that allows a user to select from the plurality of endpoint
14 computer systems for comparison with the model configuration settings, that displays
15 differences between the selected endpoint computer systems and the model configuration
16 settings, that allows a user to select from the selected endpoint computer systems for
17 updating, and that automatically updates the configuration settings of the endpoint
18 computer systems selected for updating according to the model configuration settings.

1 5. (Original) The networked computer system of claim 4 wherein the server computer
2 system further includes a configuration mapping mechanism that maps at least one
3 configuration setting for at least one computer system to the model configuration settings.

1 6. (Original) The networked computer system of claim 5 wherein the configuration
2 mapping mechanism maps at least one configuration setting in a first computer platform
3 to at least one corresponding configuration setting in a second computer platform.

1 7. (Original) The networked computer system of claim 4 wherein the at least one
2 configuration setting for each endpoint computer system comprises system settings and
3 customization settings.

1 8. (Original) The networked computer system of claim 4 further comprising a computer
2 program running on each computer system selected for updating, the computer program
3 sending status of any requested update of configuration settings to the graphical user
4 interface.

9-25 (Cancelled)

Please add the following new claims.

1 26. (New) A networked computer system comprising:
2 (A) a server computer system that includes model configuration settings that
3 specify desired operating system configuration settings for a computer system;
4 (B) a plurality of endpoint computer systems coupled to the server computer
5 system wherein the computer systems represent multiple operating systems, each
6 endpoint computer system including corresponding operating system configuration
7 settings;
8 (C) a system administration workstation coupled to the server computer system,
9 the system administration workstation including a graphical user interface for
10 administration of the operating system configuration settings of the plurality of endpoint
11 computer systems, the graphical user interface including at least one display panel that
12 allows a user to select the model configuration settings, that allows a user to select from
13 the plurality of endpoint computer systems for comparison with the model configuration
14 settings, that displays differences between the selected endpoint computer systems and
15 the model configuration settings.

1 27. (New) The networked computer system of claim 26 wherein the server computer
2 system further allows a user to select from the selected endpoint computer systems for
3 updating, and that automatically updates the configuration settings of the endpoint
4 computer systems selected for updating according to the model configuration settings.

1 28. (New) The networked computer system of claim 26 wherein the server computer
2 system further includes a configuration mapping mechanism that maps at least one
3 configuration setting for at least one computer system to the model configuration settings.

1 29. (New) The networked computer system of claim 26 wherein the configuration
2 mapping mechanism maps at least one configuration setting in a first computer platform
3 to at least one corresponding configuration setting in a second computer platform.

1 30. (New) The networked computer system of claim 26 wherein the at least one
2 configuration setting for each endpoint computer system comprises system settings and
3 customization settings.

1 31. (New) The networked computer system of claim 26 further comprising a computer
2 program running on each computer system selected for updating, the computer program
3 sending status of any requested update of configuration settings to the graphical user
4 interface.